

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
JANUARY 8, 2008

ATTENDING: Mayor Kendall Spence
Mayor Pro-Tem: Sandy Coughlin
Council Members: Greg Crosby, Virginia Currence,
Jo Waybright
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk/Tax Collector – Cheri Clark
Attorney Ken Swain

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kendall Spence called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kendall Spence led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Greg Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Royetta Sieminski invited anyone in the audience that was interested in being added to the Community Watch Awareness e-mail list to please provide the information on the list that was being circulated.

Jim Miller expressed his concerns about the organizational structure of the Village I HOA and the different levels of maintenance requirements within the organization. Mr. Miller expressed his opinion on the timely need to reorganize the Village I HOA. The suggestion was also made to develop an “Off The Street Club” for the teenagers in Lake Park to have a place to go and hang out.

Ed Meadows expressed his concerns about the fires and police issues between Ruth Street and Brookstone Village’s common property.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Move Security to 6. and Council Position to 7.

SECURITY: Sheriff Cathey addressed the Council and residents concerning security within the VOLP. Copies of the Calls for Service report for the last six months were distributed to Council. Based upon Council requests, a monthly Calls for Service report will be attached to the existing Security Report that is currently being distributed to Council. Sheriff Cathey answered questions and addressed citizens concerns on topics such as the typical term of duty for an officer (2 years) with the Sheriff’s department only utilizing experienced officers to the development of a

positive rapport between the citizens of Lake Park and the Sheriff's department. The crime rate in the VOLP is very low.

Sandra Grubb, President of the Brookstone Village HOA shared that the property that adjoins the VOLP common area off of Ruth Street was in the process of being posted with No Trespassing signs. Hopefully this will help address some of the concerns that the Ruth Street VOLP residents have expressed.

Sheriff Cathey reminded everyone to be calling 911 not just telling the neighbors or Community Watch. Every time 911 is called, a record of the incident is reported and then assigned to a deputy for follow-up.

OPEN COUNCIL POSITION: Six people expressed interest in the open Council position with two individuals withdrawing their names prior to the meeting.

Consideration was given to each of the following candidates:

James McCabe, Clint Newton, Royetta Sieminski and Ted Wasylak

James McCabe was not at the Council meeting.

Clint Newton has been involved with Parks and Rec's Fourth of July celebrations, member of the Pool, and regularly attends Council meetings.

Royetta Sieminski has been involved in Community Watch and the HOA the last couple of years.

Ted Wasylak is a retired accountant and has been involved with SAGES and the Fall Festival.

Nominations: Greg Crosby nominated Clint Newton, Jo Waybright nominated Ted Wasylak and Sandy Coughlin nominated Royetta Sieminski. By a show of hand each nominee received one vote with Virginia Currence's vote making two votes for Ted Wasylak. Mayor Kendall Spence then administered the Oath of Office to Ted Wasylak. Mayor Kendall Spence then welcomed Ted Wasylak to the Council and thanked both Clint Newton and Royetta Sieminski for their willingness to serve and continuing to be an active resident in the community.

FINANCE REPORT: Cheryl Bennett presented the audit report and financial statements for Council review.

TAX OFFICER'S REPORT: Cheri Clark stated that 87% of the 2007-budgeted tax levy had been paid. Several properties overpaid their property taxes; therefore refunds need to be approved in the amount of \$3,897.67. Jo Waybright made the motion to approve the tax refunds. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC SERVICES (Waste Collection & Electric): Sandy Coughlin at the request of Parks and Rec looked into lighting issues on Bobbie Lane and the Lake Charles Fishing Pier. Information concerning the two choices has been forwarded to Parks and Rec for consideration. Union Power expressed concerns about adding streetlights near the fishing pier due to the intensifying shadows the lighting would create.

Enhanced lighting under the fishing pier roof is the best solution. Currently both Waste Collection and Lighting are under budget.

COMMUNICATION: Greg Crosby asked that all articles for the next Villager be submitted by January 25th. Mayor Kendall Spence asked if all of the Council minutes were current on the website and if we knew the number of hits the site received each month. The minutes are almost all posted on the website and hits are not currently tracked.

PARK AND RECREATION: The next Parks and Rec meeting will be January 28th at 7 p.m. The sign at the tennis courts has been posted concerning the proper use of the courts. Based on information provided by David Grant with Union County Forestry and Doug Lucas the large hollies on Veterans Pond destroyed by fire should come back in the spring.

On January 24th, at 9 a.m. David Grant, Norris Jeffrey, Doug Lucas, Virginia Currence and Jo Waybright plan on meeting to discuss a Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Strategic Planning Concept for the VOLP. Sandy Coughlin requested that a report be prepared for Council.

Greg Crosby had one spelling correction on the Lucas Landscaping Contract 4 – 12 Exhibit A First paragraph, the word needs to be changed to mowed. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to accept the Lucas Landscaping contract. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Greg Crosby made the motion the accept the Carolina Pool Management Contract. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Sandy Coughlin asked about the \$10,400 credit received from Lucas Lawn and Landscaping referencing an e-mail from Cheryl Bennett in response to questions that Sandy Coughlin had raised. Parks and Rec did not have a copy of the e-mail and requested the information be tabled.

STREET BUSINESS: Mayor Kendall Spence did not have any additional information concerning the Faith Church/Indian Trail Unionville intersection nor the status of the Fred Kirby Park sidewalks. Based upon VOLP mapping needs, Eagle Engineering provided two estimates for consideration.

Option 1: Utilize the existing “Neighborhoods” map data received from The Mathisen Company, EEI will generate a color version of the map that: 1. identifies each neighborhood with more aesthetically pleasing colors; 2. Identifies the Community Center/Tennis Courts/Pool/Parking facility; 3. Incorporates the Vintage Condo element into the Town Center neighborhood. We will provide the Village with five copies of the map suitable for mounting on a 24” x 36 inch board. Fees for this option are \$600.

Option 2: Includes Option 1 noted above and expands the mapping to include: 1. identification of common areas, ponds, streets, alleys and sidewalks with individual color designations, 2. Incorporate elements of the Powell Bill Map identifying street and alley

names. We will provide the Village with five copies of the map suitable for mounting on a 24" x 36 inch board. Fees for this option are \$2000.

Should either of these options be acceptable to the Village, I will be pleased to provide a formal proposal for execution and, of course, a Certificate of Insurance. I would anticipate a two week completion once we have received a notice to proceed.

Thank you in advance for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

John H. Ross, P.E.

EAGLE ENGINEERING, INC.

Jo Waybright made the motion to choose Option 2. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Under discussion Council also requested an electronic copy of the map.
Vote – Unanimous.

Greg Crosby read the final Draft of the letter to be sent to the NC Turnpike Authority.

January 8, 2008

Ms. Jennifer Harris, P.E.
North Carolina Turnpike Authority
5400 Glenwood Ave., Suite 400
Raleigh, NC 27612

RE: Monroe Connector / Bypass
Mecklenburg and Union Counties
TIP Project Numbers R-3329 and R-2559

Dear Ms. Harris:

On behalf of the Village of Lake Park, the undersigned officials hereby state for public record our support of Preliminary Study Alternatives A, A1 and A3 for the ultimate bypass route selection. Over the years of project development that the Connector/Bypass has endured, the leadership and residents of Lake Park have participated in multiple public forums to express concerns related to the route selection and the determining process. This letter will serve to identify the official position of the Village of Lake Park.

As residents of the greater Union/Mecklenburg community, we all recognize and appreciate the need to improve vehicular routes within the region and more specifically the need to construct the Monroe Bypass/Connector. While we recognize and understand the importance of protecting our natural and cultural resources, we also recognize the need to protect the quality of life that established residents of our Village currently enjoy. In this regard, it is our adamant request that all reasonable measures be taken to eliminate impacts to our quality of life that may result from increased noise

and/or pollutants. The design and construction of the roadway system shall incorporate measures to lessen the noise from the traffic using the bypass/connector.

The Village of Lake Park would also express its concern for continuing to consider any Proposed Study Alternative that includes corridor segment 2. Given that Union County spends an average of \$1.31 per dollar received for residences and \$0.45 per dollar received for business, the long-term financial impact to the county would be least affected by an alternative that minimizes the impact to Union County business. The A and B PSAs do minimize this business impact. However, factoring in the significant number of residents affected by the B alternatives, we feel that the A alternatives (and specifically A, A1 or A3) strike the best balance of residential and business impact. This position is bolstered by the fact that these alternatives are the least expensive to build by up to 14% (\$38 million).

Thank you for taking our concerns under advisement. Should you require additional information, please contact the Village office at 704-882-8657.

Sincerely,

Village of Lake Park

Greg Crosby made the motion to adopt this letter as our official response to the Turnpike Authority. Virginia Currence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin shared there is a workshop by Angela Williams at the Union County Regional Library January 19th. Cypress Homes has moved out of the VOLP. Thursday, January 17th at 7 p.m. Lucas Lawn and Landscaping will be hosting the EDC meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR JANUARY 8, 2008. Delete – 6. Council Position. Add –7. Council Responsibilities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Virginia Currence thanked Mayor Kendall Spence for inviting Sheriff Cathey and Captain Easley to Council and suggested that we consider inviting them to Council again in six month.

Jo Waybright thanked the Council candidates for their willingness to serve and welcomed Ted Wasylak to the Council.

Ted Wasylak thanked the Council for their support.

Greg Crosby asked about the new parking spaces in front of Lake Park Christian Academy and expressed his concerns about them being in violation of the Parking Ordinance.

Sandy Coughlin has a short (9 minute) video from Union Power concerning the electrical infrastructure that she requested Council to view starting with Mayor Kendall Spence.

Mayor Kendall Spence will be attending a Community Health Assessment Forum addressing Union County Health Concerns on Wednesday, January 23rd. Mayor Spence also thanked Sarah Barbour for serving on the Council.

ADJOURN: Virginia Currence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Kendall Spence

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark